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FROM CHARGE TEL AVIV

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MARR LE IS  
SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: AVOIDANCE OF SYRIAN-ISRAELI AIR ENCOUNTERS

1. DURING JUST CONCLUDED MEETING WITH BEGIN, WEIZMAN AND DAYAN, WEIZMAN ASKED THAT WE DO WHATEVER POSSIBLE TO ENSURE SYRIANS UNDERSTAND THAT ISRAELI PILOTS ARE UNDER STRICT INSTRUCTIONS TO AVOID ANY AERIAL ENCOUNTERS WITH SYRIAN AIRCRAFT.

2. WEIZMAN SAID HE HAD ORDERED THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE NOT TO UNDERTAKE ANY MISSIONS NORTH OF THE LITANAI RIVER. THERE ARE TWO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS BLANKET ORDER: (1) IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO FLY OCCASIONAL PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS, (2) ANY ARTILLERY OR KATYUSHA ATTACKS LAUNCHED FROM NORTH

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OF THE LITANI AGAINST ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS OR IDF FORCES WILL BE SUBJECT TO AERIAL BOMBARDMENT.

3. WEIZMAN PROFESSED CONCERN THAT DESPITE THESE RESTRICTIONS ON IAF OPERATIONS, GIVEN SPEEDS OF SYRIAN AND ISRAELI AIRCRAFT AND THE SHORT DISTANCES INVOLVED, THE MARGIN FOR MISCALCULATION IS PRESENT.

HE REFERRED TO REPORTS HE HAD THAT SYRIANS MIGHT BE  
FLYING PATROLS OVER LEBANON, ESPECIALLY IN BEIRUT  
AREA.

4. DURING COURSE OF MEETING, WEIZMAN WAS CALLED TO  
THE PHONE BY MOD TO REPORT A NEAR INCIDENT BETWEEN  
AN IAF AND A SYRIAN JET. WHEN HE RETURNED TO MEETING  
AND REPORTED ESPIDE, HE ONCE AGAIN ASKED THAT SYRIANS  
BE REASSURED ISRAELIS WISH TO AVOID ANY ENCOUNTERS OF  
ANY SORT WITH SYRIAN FORCES.

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